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" (b) The minimum strength of the Board is fixed at 13 and the maximum at 17. Its strength has been fixed at 15 for the present.

" (c) The Collector of South Kanara will be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board.

" (d) No Sir. It is not the practice to call for applications for appointment in such cases."

Assignment of lands to the ex-tappers of Coondapoor taluk, South Kanara.

* 831 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI (on behalf of Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the application of the ex-tappers of Coondapoor taluk, South Kanara district, for assignment of lands to them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Six applications received from ex-tappers are being enquired into and the lands will be assigned to them if the applicants are landless and poor persons likely to engage themselves in direct cultivation."

Formation of Gosalas.

* 832 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation or questionnaire from the Central Council of Gosamvardhana regarding the necessity for forming Gosalas in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) In October 1952, the Central Council of Gosamvardhana called for proposals for the starting of Gosadan Centres in this State. A scheme for establishing a Gosadan (concentration camp) in the Perumal Malai Reserve Forest of Madurai district was formulated and forwarded to the Central Council of Gosamvardhana in February 1953. The decision of the Council on the question of meeting the expenditure is still awaited. In reply to another circular letter of the Central Council of Gosamvardhana, its attention was drawn as recently as 6th March 1954 to the scheme already submitted."

Declaration of 'Sthanam' properties as 'tarwad' properties.

* 833 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to put an end to 'Sthanams' in Malabar and make these 'Sthanam' properties 'tarwad' properties;